

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/941,124
Applicant: Garnett H. Smith et al.
Filed: August 28, 2001
TC/AU: 1771
Examiner: N.L. Torres Velazquez

Confirmation No. 5855

Docket No.: 2226-019
Customer No.: 30166

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. If any fees for the accompanying Reply are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

WINSTON 1252710v1

PAGE 5/10 * RCVD AT 1/14/2004 3:14:07 PM (Eastern Standard Time) * SVR:USPTO-EFAXF-1/24 * DHIS:2731484 * CSID:3365748075 * DURATION (mm-ss):03-12

BEST AVAILABLE COPY